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INDIANA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION INCREASES LOWEST IN 23 YEARS

Increases in tuition and fees at Indiana colleges and universities are the lowest in 23 years, reports the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The average increase for the 1999-2000 academic year is 3.3%, making it the lowest increase since the General Assembly froze fees in 1976-77.

Working to keep college costs in line for Indiana students and their families, Ivy Tech State College cut tuition by 0.5% for the 1999-2000 academic year. "Ivy Tech deserves a great deal of credit for doing what others in higher education have never done --- lower tuition," said Governor Frank O'Bannon. "They aren't just talking about making college more accessible for Hoosiers, they're walking that talk. This is a great send-off for Indiana's community college initiative."

The Commission sees the fee restraint as a show of appreciation for a remarkable year with respect to state funding. The General Assembly's biennial budget provided postsecondary education with a 12% increase over two years, including \$100 million for technology. In addition, \$264 million was provided for university construction projects. In the budget, the legislature assumed a tuition/fee increase for in-state students of 3.5% at all institutions except Vincennes University and Ivy Tech where money was provided to freeze tuition for the next two years.

Indiana State University and Ball State University are also being commended on holding their tuition increases to 3.1% and 3.8% respectively. "The legislature was very generous to higher education," said Stan Jones, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "It's important that the institutions pass this on to students and their families."

Purdue University raised tuition for engineers from \$3764 to \$4124. Tuition for non-engineers increased from \$3564 to \$3724.

Indiana University's tuition for University Division freshman increased from \$4069 to \$4262. Tuition for business majors rose from \$4069 to \$4612 and all other majors increased from \$4069 to \$4212.

Students at the University of Southern Indiana will see an increase of 3.5% in tuition with an additional 1.5% increase to support the new campus wellness center.

A copy of *Indiana Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases - Effective Fall 1999* detailing tuition and fee increases is attached.

Indiana Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases -- Effective Fall, 1999

	Full-time	Full-time Indiana Resident Undergraduate Tuition/Fees		
	Undergra			
	1998-99		99-00	
		Percent		
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
INDIANA UNIVERSITY Bloomington				
Univ. Division (most Freshmen)	\$4,069	4.7%	\$4,262	
Business Majors	4,069	13.3%	,	
Other Majors	4,069	3.5%	4,212	
East (Richmond)	2,987	3.9%	3,104	
Kokomo	3,005	3.3%	3,104	
Northwest	3,021	3.5%	3,128	
South Bend	3,096	3.3%	3,197	
Southeast (New Albany)	2,986	3.5%	3,092	
IUPUI	3,576	3.8%	3,713	
PURDUE UNIVERSITY West Lafayette Engineering Majors	3,764	9.6%	4,124	
Other Majors	3,564	4.5%	3,724	
Calumet North Central (Westville) IUPU Ft. Wayne	3,093 3,102 3,350	3.5% 3.5% 5.5%	3,201 3,210 3,534	
Indiana State University	3,324	3.1%	3,426	
Univ. of Southern Indiana	2,693	5.0%	2,828	
Ball State University	3,552	3.8%	3,686	
Vincennes University	2,540	0.0%	2,540	
Ivy Tech State College	1,995	-0.5%	1,986	
Weighted Average	\$3,219	3.3%	\$3,325	